

A FEW GOOD MEN 1

TIMOTHY—"NO ONE ELSE LIKE HIM"

TOOLBOX

- THINK
- OBSERVE
- CLOSE-UP
- WRITE
- DISCUSS
- FEELINGS
- BRAINSTORM
- REFERENCE
- PASSAGE
- ARTICLE
- BIG IDEA
- CROSSROAD



DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING MEN:*

MACHO MANIAC

GREAT PRETENDER

Rambo

**Jean Claude
van Damme**

**Rodney
Dangerfield**

**Clint
Eastwood**

GENDER BLENDER

**Michael
Jackson**

Prince

PEOPLE magazine published an interview between a psychologist and her seven-year-old nephew. The child was asked, "Is Michael Jackson a boy or a girl?" The child responded, "Both!"

THE FLEXIBLE MAN. "I date men and I date women. What Woody Allen said was true. Say what you will about bisexuality; you have a 50 percent better chance of finding a date on Saturday night."
-Hollywood mogul David Geffen

NAMES OFFERED FOR . . . THAT GUY (Minneapolis)—What's in a name? A lot of publicity for the former Prince, whose decision to change his name to an unpronounceable symbol is keeping everyone guessing about what the pop star will call himself.

That Sign Guy, HeShe, Purple prima donna, and Andy—short for Androgynous—are among suggestions made by more than 400 people who have called the *Star Tribune* newspaper, which invited readers to name that Prince.

The rock star announced last week he wants to be referred to with the symbol combining the signs for male and female. It's also the name of his latest album. -from the *Daily Coloradoan*, June 24, 1993.



THOUGHTS

"It's not easy being a man in the '90s. Two decades of divorce frenzy, absent fathers, changing attitudes and blurred gender roles have left *American males more confused than ever* about their self-image. Should they eat quiche? Should they act macho? Or should they wander into the woods to beat drums and hug each other?"
Don O'Briant, "The American Male's Emasculated Self-Image," *Orlando Sentinel*, August 18, 1993.



SUMMARIZE

Our society's view of maleness.

*Adapted from *Missing From Action: Vanishing Manhood in America* by Weldon Hardenbrook, (Thomas Nelson, 1987).



BRAINSTORM

How might this confusion affect you as a college student?

TIMOTHY—"NO ONE ELSE LIKE HIM"

LIFE STORY—TIMOTHY



- Mentioned 25 times in the Bible
- Approximately 20 years old
- Frequently encouraged by Paul
- Church planter, missionary

1 AND 2 TIMOTHY



The epistles which bear Timothy's name were intended to encourage him and strengthen him for the tremendous task which Paul had charged him. The occasion for writing the epistles explores the need to maintain the faith in order to ensure the continuity of the Church of Jesus Christ.

FOR A FURTHER LOOK



- What else do we learn about Timothy from the following verses?
- 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 2:1
 - 1 Timothy 4:12
 - 2 Timothy 1:7
 - 2 Timothy 2:3

PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24

- I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.
- I have **no one else like him**, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.
- For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.
- But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.
- I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me.
- And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.



PHILIPPIANS 2



Philippians is the most personal of all the epistles of Paul that were not written to individuals. In chapter two, he writes about two servants of God—Timothy and Epaphroditus—whose manner of life the believer is to follow.



OBSERVATIONS: TRUTHS ABOUT TIMOTHY

List some facts about Timothy that you observe from this passage.



WORD STUDY

"GENUINE INTEREST"

Key idea: _____



WORD STUDY

"PROVED"

Key idea: _____

Seen in Timothy then:

Seen in Timothy then:



If Timothy were a student today here at our school,
how might he demonstrate...


Compassion?

Character?

Remember . . . we are male by birth, men by choice.


In choosing to become a man, we need to recognize . . .

 **OUR PART**
Choose the right models




 **GOD'S PART**

Philippians 1:6—Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:13—For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

 **CHANGING MODELS FOR MANHOOD**

Reject wrong models Accept God's model

   **LIFE INTERSECTION**

To what degree does my life presently reflect God's model of these two qualities?

COMPASSION	
← Never	Always →
My interests	Others' interests

For whom can I demonstrate compassion?
How?

CHARACTER	
← Never	Always →
Leave me out	Depend on me

Where do I need to demonstrate character?
How?

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